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Polo returning to NOTL

Mike DiBattista QMI Agency Niagara

The Friends of Fort George with the Toronto Polo Club are bringing polo back to NOTL, with matches, a divot stomp, food and entertainment at the historic common near Butler's Barracks Saturday, Sept. 6. Polo player Jessica Friedberg from Aurora Ont. was on hand for a demonstration at Queen's Royal Park Tuesday.

Medical marijuana operation underway

Pot plants were moved into NOTL greenhouses this weekend

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

A medical marijuana operation that is producing its first crop in a former chocolate factory has moved some of its plants to Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The Conc. 5 greenhouse operation that was formerly the home of St. Davids Hydroponics is now Parklane Farms, and received its Health Canada licence to grow the crop for medicinal purposes in NOTL Friday.

The $5-million operation—the security fence alone cost $75,0000—is a subsidiary of Tweed Marijuana in Smiths Falls, which opened in the former 168,000-square-foot Hershey chocolate factory in June.

Some of the eight-inch seedlings were moved from there to NOTL over the weekend, says Tweed chairman and co-founder Bruce Linton.

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Burroughs seeks second regional council term

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Gary Burroughs would love another term as regional chair.

But his focus is on getting elected as regional councillor in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

"I want to be very clear, it's Niagara Regional Council I'm running for."

Would he like another term as chair?

"I would love it. I love my job. I can't wait to get to work in the morning and what new issues we're going to tackle. But realistically there are six or seven others who would also like the job, and I'm not even slightly assuming I'll get it for another term."

One of the most important accomplishments of the last term, says Burroughs, is the way the region is dealing with economic development.

There is a new focus on job creation, and new staff to deal with it.

Stats Canada has said there are 57,000 people who have moved to the region, and of those, the majority are young working people. The Region is focused on ensuring there will be jobs for them, he said.

And new jobs anywhere in the region are good for everyone.

"We have changed the way we do business, and that needs to be expanded. We've refocused our economic development approach and it will see the whole region move forward. We're going out for jobs."

With new staff, and more to come, "we've changed our economic envelopment model. It's more oriented toward getting new businesses and keeping the businesses we have. We're even directing our planning department toward focusing on economic development. And that will help every municipality."

While Burroughs is excited about regional issues, he knows his campaign has to be focused on Niagara-on-the-Lake, and there is no doubt his experience as regional chair, the contacts he's made, the people he's talked to at the provincial level, will benefit the residents of NOTL if he gets another four years at the regional council table.

"I know how the council works, I know the issues, and I want to put that to good use for NOTL."

One of the regional issues that has been long-discussed in NOTL is the high cost of policing, based on assessment.

But other municipalities are never going to agree to pay more so NOTL can pay less, he said.

He believes the answer is in changing the way the Niagara Regional Police increases have been arbitrated, lowering the increase that is settled with every two-year contract—that benefits all municipalities—and he hopes to continue being a part of that negotiation.

He also believes NOTL pays too much for education—$11 million—and receives too little in return.

"We need to be at the province to push for a better structure that governs how school boards operate, and how rural schools are considered—not just going by numbers, but by their effect on their communities."

NOTL has done well by the region in the last term as far as infrastructure—$45 million for the new waste water treatment plant, $8 million for upgrading the pumping stations that will connect to the new plant, and the cost of rehabilitation to the Lakeshore Rd. ponds once the existing plant is decommissioned will be in the millions as well, says Burroughs.

"The region is investing in NOTL, in sewage treatment, but the need is broader than that. We need to be looking at the environment as a bigger picture—the hazardous waste dump on the other side of the river, the delisting of Love Canal when it's still leaching into the Niagara River, a uranium site from the Second World War with just 10 feet of cover in Youngstown—it's leaching as well. We need to be looking at all of these issues."

The region is doing a good job with its anti-dumping program, "but we have a responsibility to our residents, especially our younger residents, to do more. The environment is incredibly important to their future."

Niagara needs an activist, someone who will demand change when change is needed, he said—and his four years as chair has helped him to develop the contacts that will allow him to do that.

"Water quality is important to all of us. We're told we can fish and eat what we catch above the Falls, but not below the Falls. That says something that should matter to all of us."

Bringing the GO Train to Niagara is an issue all the mayors are behind—Burroughs says he is working on the file daily—"and it's something I believe will happen sooner rather than later."

Regional transit is also going to come up in the next term, and it becomes even more essential once the GO Train comes to Niagara.

Now that NOTL has a good public transit system, it's even more important it also have access to inter-municipal transit.

But when the pilot project for regional transit wraps up, the answer, he says, will not necessarily be a system delivered by the region—it will be time to look at private partnerships.

A chartered accountant and businessman by profession, Burroughs was the previous owner of the Oban Inn.

NOTL Rotary Club president Nina Cole thanks Regional Chair Gary Burroughs who was invited to speak at the club's recent luncheon on issues facing NOTL.

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St. Davids site to employ 60

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The Conc. 5 greenhouses are about 350,000 square feet, but at the moment only about 10% of that area is being used for production.

Although a fence has been built around the property, there are other interior security measures—including video cameras that allow guards to monitor the operation 24 hours a day—and when the business gets off the ground and those measures can be expanded, the crop will be as well, with the intention of eventually using the entire facility for growing and post-processing.

Linton said his company has been working with the municipality since last fall and now has an approved site plan.

He said he began working to establish Tweed about two years ago, when it became obvious from discussions between the government and police forces across Canada that allowing legal home-grown medical marijuana wasn't working. He saw the potential growth in the market once legislation changed, he said, but was surprised and impressed at how quickly Health Canada moved to its current model.

Tweed has brought the former chocolate factory back to life, Linton said, and Parklane is doing the same to the former hydroponics greenhouses in NOTL.

Once post-production begins—when the flower is harvested, it is dried, packaged and shipped from the site–there will be about 60 people working at the NOTL site, he said.

"It's not like you just grow flowers and back up a truck to load them. There is much more going on than that," he said.

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The security fence around the former hydroponic pepper operation in St. Davids is the only sign that the greenhouses are now used for growing medical marijuana.

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No longer taboo subject

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At the moment, demand has the price for a gram of medical marijuana at $5 to $12—the street price for marijuana can be that much or more, he says—but the product grown under strict federal control has no fungicides, herbicides or pesticides, while there is no telling what's in the street product

"This is a government-audited product, holistically grown. It's controlled, it's safe and it's legal, and it's beneficial to so many people."

The applications of medical marijuana have been known for years, but it's been a "taboo subject," disallowed until all other avenues of pain control have failed. With the current legislation, "it doesn't have to be treated as a final choice any longer—it can be a first choice," said Linton.

"What's really fascinating is the whole societal change, and how quickly it's occurred."

The first crop will be ready for harvest before the end of the year, he said.

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our editorial

Why we should buy local

This weekend, both our Niagara-on-the-Lake Chamber of Commerce and a local church celebrated the peach harvest. Both have been popular events for more than two decades.

These events, and the many other festivals celebrated in NOTL—we also pay tribute to strawberries and cherries, herbs, garlic and lavender—are an opportunity to remind us how fortunate we are to live in an agricultural community.

And they remind us to enjoy our fresh produce while it's in season.

Why should we buy local?

The best reason of all is that freshly-picked produce, recently ripened naturally in the sun and picked when it's ready to eat, tastes better. Much better. Fruit that is harvested early so it can be transported, sometimes thousands of miles, won't have the same rich flavour.

If you have trouble getting children to eat fruit, take them to pick their own. They'll be much more likely to enjoy it, and they'll learn something about how fruit grows.

The experts tell us freshly picked produce is also healthier and safer. It has more nutrients and no preservatives.

When produce is local and fresh, it should also be less expensive, and it generally is. But if that isn't the case, think about why.

Is it because it's safer, grown under conditions that our legislation dictates because it's better for us?

Is it because our growers have to charge more to stay in business? To keep their farm and our agricultural industry sustainable?

Canadians have been warned that if we don't support our farmers, if we don't buy local and instead choose cheaper imports, we will one day have no local produce to choose. We will eat only what has traveled, sometimes great distances, to reach us, and we'll never know what a fresh peach, just picked off the tree, tastes like.

Thank you to the organizers of our many harvest celebrations, for reminding us why local produce is so important—and so good.

Lemon aid

Arianne Mindorff, Owen and Garrett Bjorgan, Morgan Mitchell and his dad Mike, Red Roof Retreat staff member Kaitlin Horne and Taylor Thompson take a break by Morgan's lemonade stand, which he set up in the Old Town this weekend to raise money for Red Roof. Clients from the respite program went out to support him and enjoy some lemonade. Morgan raised more than $500 from the stand.

letters to the editor

CAVE should let dinner cruise owner get on with his plans

I can't believe that a small vocal minority (Niagara Advance, Aug. 7) is still trying to disrupt John Kinney's jet boat and dinner boat business.

Unfortunately, they seem to get all the press, making it look like this is the view of the majority of residents in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

I can assure you it's not the case.

With respect to this small minority, maybe this is no longer the town for you. There are lots of very quiet communities along the north shore of Lake Erie, all the way down to Pelee Island.

We moved down from Oakville a number of years ago, after spending numerous trips coming to this lovely "progressive" town, with its wineries and upscale restaurants establishing themselves here.

John Kinney has established a niche business here, which attracts people to the town, and creates much needed jobs for young people in this area.

The silent majority are behind Mr. Kinney, and the CAVE (Citizens Against Virtually Everything) people should let him get on with his business.

Earl Vance

Range and cost will decide

In response to your editorial (Niagara Advance, July 24) a\advocating electric charging stations, a reader writes (Aug. 7) that electric cars will never work, because the power will have to come from somewhere. He advises hydrogen is the answer. Last time I checked, hydrogen is not found in nature in the uncombined state, so it too will have to come from somewhere.

Hydrogen can be produced from either natural gas or water. If from natural gas, carbon dioxide is generated as a byproduct, so there is no global environmental benefit to be gained by running cars on hydrogen compared to running them on natural gas as fuel (unless overall efficiency is substantially higher).

Alternatively, hydrogen can be generated by decomposition of water into its constituent elements by means of electrolysis. In this case, all of the energy available in the hydrogen fuel comes from the electric power used in the electrolytic process.

Hydrogen becomes, in effect, an energy transport and storage medium; the primary energy source is whatever was used to generate the electricity consumed to produce the hydrogen.

The ultimate choice between electric and hydrogen-powered cars will probably boil down to practicalities such as range, ease of recharging, and of course, costs.

David Cottle

Thanks to Music Niagara

I would like to thank Chris Blake and Atis Bankas and all the volunteers and concert sponsors who made the 16th season of Music Niagaras summer festival such a great success.

The month-long festival enriches our community. It contributes to the diversity and bounty of our life in Niagara-on-the-Lake and so for all who participated (including the audience and artists) - thank you.

Brad Nixon

Correction

In a letter regarding medical marijuana (Niagara Advance, Aug. 7) a typographical error turned "This nonsense has simply gone on too long" into "his nonsense has simply gone on too long," changing the meaning the letter writer intended. The Advance apologizes for the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

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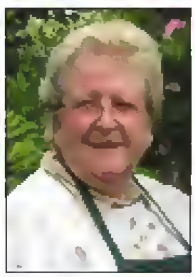
New canna colours a nice surprise

Dried yarrow brightens up winter arrangements



Jean Cochrane
Happy Gardening

This is a good time of year to take stock of what has worked well without too much work.

I think yarrow has to take the top spot. It comes in a wide assortment of colour and seems to love the heat, and so far I have never had anything chew on it and live it looking ragged.

On top of that you can cut the flowers with a good stem, hang to dry and then use them to brighten up your winter plants. Oh boy, I do not want to think past summer.

I have had some nice surprises with my cannas this year. I bought some at a plant nursery in McNab and they are different from my usual, not red but deep pink and some all yellow, one of which has not flowered yet but has a fascinating leaf, very dark green with a cream border. Nature is truly amazing.

I did not buy any geraniums this year but ended up with one among other plants in a planter. It has bloomed non-stop so I will have to rethink my negativity about geraniums.

Well, it is peach time and everyone seems pleased with the harvest. We are indeed fortunate to live here so keep looking after your little bit and together we can all take a pat on the back.

Happy gardening.

Jean Cochrane is pleased with the yellow cannas she planted, which look a little different than the usual, she says. Photo submitted

Volunteer with a purpose: that others may live

Randy Klaassen
Senior's View

I have a confession to make. I don't play golf.

I've played the game a number of times, but golfing hasn't found its way into my life as a pastime.

Most of my career all I did was work and share activities with family. A few years ago I read a short column in this paper, which announced a need for volunteers for the Civil Air Rescue Emergency Service (CARES) – Niagara. Since childhood I had an interest in aviation. With our children finding their own interests as young adults, I joined CARES, based at the Niagara District Airport.

I find it thrilling to fly or drive over the countryside, in a "seek and find" pursuit of folks who find themselves in a bit of a bind.

I've learned a whole host of new skills to use a wide range of equipment, and have become friends with people passionate about helping others.

CARES Niagara is the local non-profit organization of the national Civil Air Search And Rescue Association (CASARA), which receives funding from the Department of National Defence. Many CASARA volunteers, including me, are also certified military spotters, to augment large Search and Rescue operations with 424 Squadron at Canadian Forces Base Trenton.

Summer long weekends are typically high SAR incidents, and lately CASARA members have been invited to support Hercules 424 crews at Trenton. This past August long weekend I and three other CASARA members had the privilege of doing this, flying training exercises and being on standby for emergency calls.

We had no major searches that made news headlines. I learned there is a lot of search and rescue activity occurring that most of us never hear about. In addition to a number of minor calls we responded to, we delivered survival suits to the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum at Hamilton Airport. The suits were for use by the crew of the Lancaster which last week flew across the Atlantic for a tour of England.

Flying in the Hercules I quickly learned there are no "spare" crew members on board. Everyone has a critical role for the success of SAR operations. I continue to find it amazing how squadron members work together with detailed precision.

In my role as a spotter, I'm an "extra" set of eyes to assist the SAR technicians scanning the ground for signs of who we are looking for.

Randy Klaassen, at the window of a Hercules, volunteers to provide an extra set of eyes during air search and rescue operations. Photo submitted

This is done at windows in the back of the Hercules, near the ramp. SAR techs are easily identified by their orange jump suits. When the SAR techs prepare to drop supplies, or jump with parachutes, the ramp is open.

It's amazing to watch the landscape float by, totally unhindered. And, I have to admit, when the SAR techs do jump, I get a queasy feeling watching them disappear into space. The entire crew does dangerous work inspired by the motto, "That others may live."

This Saturday, Aug. 16 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Niagara District Airport is open to the public for Airport Fest 2014.

Among vehicles and aircraft, CARES SAR aircraft will be on display and the CARES building will be open for visitors. There will be lots to see and experience.

Every picture tells a story: Photos of Canadian soldiers at museum

Picture postcards taken during the First World War can provide information to those studying the war years, says local historian David Web.

He will be at the Niagara Historical Museum Thursday, Aug. 21 with a collection of photos of Canadian soldiers taken from the war, which lasted from 1914 to 1918.

Those years were characterized by rapid invention and technological innovation. New and deadly weapons, such as aircraft, poison gas and field artillery meant that soldiers wore new equipment such as gas masks and helmets to defend against them. By studying photographs from that time, one can often determine the arm of service, rank, time period and even the location of a given Canadian soldier, said Web.

"Photo post ards were affordable and seemingly ubiquitous. Many soldiers training in Canada, on leave in Britain, or in rear areas in France and Belgium frequently had photographs taken to send back home to their friends and families", says Webb.

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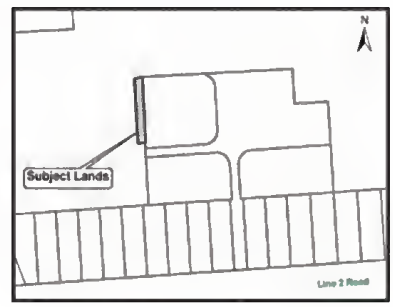
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

678 Line 2 Road
Official Plan & Zoning Amendments

PROPOSED CHANGE
To re-designate and rezone the subject lands to permit two three storey apartment buildings with 11 units each.



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Bring family photos from First World War to museum lecture for identification

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These photographs offer the material culture researcher, curator, or family historian a wonderful resource to better understand the past, says Webb, who has worked at historic sites across Ontario.

He joined Parks Canada in 1981 and served as Chief of Heritage Presentation at Niagara National Historic Sites, and then as a military curator and cultural resource management advisor. Web continues to be involved in volunteer and consulting projects. He has participated in re-enactment events in Canada and the U.S. commemorating heritage from the 1760s through to the 1940s.

Tickets to the lecture are $10 each or free for Niagara Historical Society members. Seating is limited so advance reservations are required. Call the Museum at 905-468-3912.

Everyone is encouraged to bring their own First World War family photographs for identification.

The Niagara Historical Museum is at 43 Castlereagh St. in NOTL. Lectures take place on the third Thursday of each month from March to September.

For more information on the museum and its events visit www.niagara-historical.museum.

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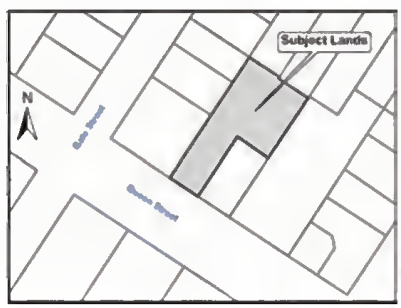
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

135 Queen Street
Zoning Amendment

PROPOSED CHANGE
To permit three commercial buildings including provisions for restaurant and retail uses, and also for relief to the parking requirements.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

411 Nassau Street
Zoning Amendment

PROPOSED CHANGE
To permit three residential lots for single detached use.

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Moody wants to improve communications at town council

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Kenn Moody is hoping the third time will be the charm.

He ran for Niagara-on-the-Lake town council in 2006, and again in 2010, when he did better—he was ninth on a slate with eight elected.

"We'll see what happens in 2014," he says.

At the top of his list of matters that need attention this time round is communication—"on two or three levels," he says.

He has some concerns about "communications I've seen at council between the mayor and councillors and between council members."

He also sees problems that have been created because of the "barrier" that was set up during the recent term with a renovated town hall, making it more difficult for residents to communicate with town staff.

"I would like to see the metrics, to see if it's working, and certainly at the nub of the issue is why it was done."

He says he is hearing from residents who don't like entering the town hall lobby and being ushered through a locked door when they want to speak to a staff member, whereas before the redesign of the lobby, they were able to walk up to a department counter and simply ask for the person they were there to see.

"Is this necessary? I don't know the answer to that. I'd like to find out."

The third communications issue concerns medical marijuana grow-ops, he says.

"Council seemed to be always one step behind on the issue, playing the blame game for a while, and now it seems it's created problems we're going to have to live with. Other municipalities are treating these operations like small-scale industry, and that seems like a good approach to me. But NOTL lagged behind, and now we are we're going to have problems with grandfathered grow-ops."

Penny Coles Niagara Advance

Town clerk and corporate services director Holly Dowd takes Kenn Moody's registration papers at the town hall Friday. Moody is running for one of eight municipal council positions.

Also of importance to Moody is the issue of development.

"I'm generally pro-business but I really wonder if we're doing the best we can in some of the new developments," he says.

He's lived in the Old Town and now is in one of the new St. Davids subdivisions, and he's not sure the town is doing a good enough job ensuring developers uphold their responsibilities as far as keeping roads clean and in good shape during construction.

He also has concerns about developers who buy property, go through the process for planning approvals for a specific proposal and then sell the property.

"It becomes a whole lot harder to deal with second or third owners," he says, adding it seems to be happening more frequently.

As a St. Davids resident and member of its ratepayers association, Moody says he expects the issue of grinder pumps to be back in the news.

"The problem is the expense to owners, when grinder pumps are an integral part of the system that pumps sewage to Niagara Falls. Grinder pumps can't be repaired, they're always replaced, so as soon as you have a problem with one it's going to cost you $3,000," says Moody.

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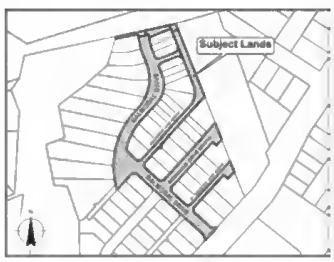
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

St. Andrews Glen Subdivision - Common Elements Condominium Application

PROPOSED CHANGE



Draft plan approval for a common elements condominium for the private laneways servicing the dwelling units on Balmoral Street, Aberdeen Lane North, Kirkwood Drive North, and St. Andrews Lane North, Blocks 68, 69, 70 and 71, 30M-289 to allow a number of land owners to share ownership, maintenance and administration of the laneways. The draft plan of condominium refers only to the laneways and does not propose any changes to the previously granted approvals for the subdivision.

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Grinder pumps, expanded bus routes on candidate's list

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"NOTL downloaded the risk and responsibility for failure on the residents. Other municipalities have handled it differently, buying the pumps and sending someone out with a replacement when necessary. I'd like the municipality to take another look at options and best practices and see if there is a better way to handle them."

He has also done some research on public transportation and how the town's current bus system could cover some of Queenston and St. Davids.

"There isn't a single bus that runs through those two communities. There has been no expansion of service at all in the last four years. I'd like to see if it's possible to provide some service in those communities."

The "cheapest fix" would be for a shuttle that runs along Niagara Stone Rd. to be rerouted from Virgil along Four Mile Creek Rd. to St. Davids, and a shuttle to join the Old Town to the outlet mall in Glendale via Hwy. 405, traveling through Bevan Heights to York Rd. and then to the Niagara River Parkway, with a stop in Queenston.

Although Moody says he believes strongly NOTL children should be educated in town, he's concerned about municipal politicians getting into issues outside their control.

"I'm willing to get involved but I want to see that there's something we can do that has some impact."

Moody has retired three times: after a career in the Royal Canadian Air Force which included training military pilots and a diplomatic posting to Moscow; after 13 years working for Transport Canada before retiring again in 2002; and as manager of Niagara District Airport, where he oversaw the completion of the $11 million infrastructure renewal program in 2011.

He has been treasurer of the NOTL Chamber of Commerce, president of the NOTL Bed & Breakfast Association, president of the St. Davids Ratepayers Association, treasurer of the Pumphouse Visual Arts Centre and has served on the Lord Mayor's Communication Advisory Committee and the Small Scale Tourist Accommodation Review Committee.

Other candidates to throw their hat into the ring for the Oct. 27 election are Pat Darte and Dave Eke for lord mayor, and Maria Bau-Coote, Bill Cowie, Don MacDougall, Martin Mazza and Paolo Miele for council.

Gary Burroughs has also registered to run for regional councillor representing NOTL.

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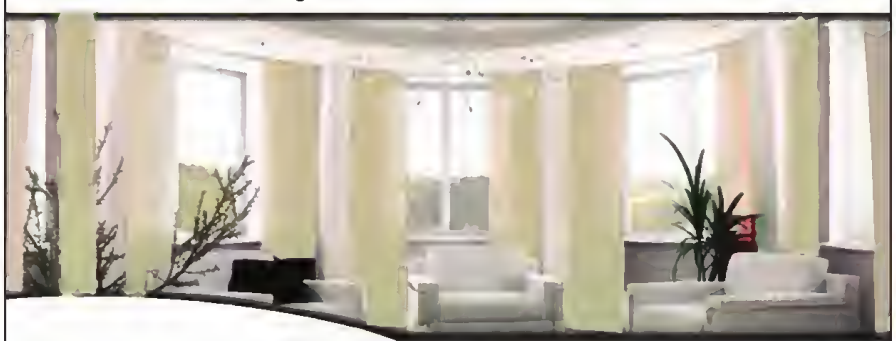

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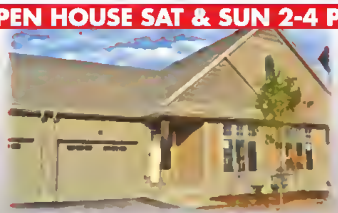

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Niagara-on-the-Lake residents will have the opportunity to safely dispose of personal documents, while helping local health care.

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Hospital Auxiliary is holding its fourth annual Shred-it event Saturday at the Meridian Credit Union.

Most household shredders handle only a few pages at a time, so this is an opportunity to dispose of boxes of papers professionally and safely.

It's also an opportunity to learn about identity theft and how to protect yourself, says Doug Martin, assistant branch manager of the credit union.

Recycling bins are the worst place to get rid of bills or papers that might have credit card information or social insurance numbers on them, he said.

"It may be that all the information that is required for criminal activity will not be on one document, but it can certainly make it easier to get to that next step."

While two Shred-it trucks in the credit union parking lot handle the shredding, credit union staff members, including Martin, will be on hand to talk about identity theft and safe disposal of private information.

Documents for shredding can be transported in boxes or garbage bags. The charge will be by the banker-sized box, $6 per box and $15 for three.

The money is going to the NOTL Hospital Auxiliary, and will help support paramedic scholarships and the Lifeline program.

Meridian is paying for the cost of the trucks.

The Shred-it trucks will be in the back lot at the Meridian Credit Union at 1567 Niagara Stone Rd., Saturday, Aug. 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

NOTL mom says delivering babies an 'overwhelming privilege'

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Rebecca Hagman, a Niagara-on-the-Lake mother of four, is now in the business of delivering babies for other women.

After four years at McMaster University, she graduated last spring with a Bachelor of Health Sciences degree in midwifery, and is working with a local practice that delivers hundreds of Niagara babies each year.

Each birth she has attended, she says, "feels like a miracle to me. I think it always will. I always have this quick moment when I'm holding a newborn and I think ahead for the family, the family they're going to become and the things they're going to do together. I think that's how it hits me because I'm a mom and I think that about my family."

Some of the babies she delivers will arrive in a hospital setting, others will be born at home.

Many more women who would like to use the services of a midwife, in Niagara and across the province, are unable to—according to the Association of Ontario Midwives, they can accommodate only 60% of the women seeking midwifery care.

But when Hagman joined the Niagara Midwifery Practice on Lyman St. in St. Catharines, along with two other recent grads from McMaster, some openings became available.

There are women who called the service early in their pregnancies and were turned down, she said, but with the sudden growth of the practice, that has changed.

And although those women are seeing an obstetrician for their prenatal care, they don't need to feel guilty about moving to the midwifery practice, she adds.

"Specialists are so overworked, I don't think they mind. They're okay with sharing the load."

The midwifery practice was the first in the region, established in 1997, three years after the province of Ontario began licensing and regulating midwives, and paying for their services through OHIP.

Since then, having midwives deliver babies has been a better use of scarce provincial health care dollars, says Hagman.

One in four clients under the care of a midwife gives birth at home, which results in huge savings for the province. Births in hospital with a midwife cost less than births with doctors supervising, and babies born with the help of midwives have shorter hospital stays and lower costly obstetrical intervention rates, says Hagman.

And according to statistics gathered by the Ontario Association of Midwives, babies delivered by midwives have less need for further hospitalization or medical attention, and often go home three hours after birth if that's the mother's choice.

Another huge advantage, especially for anxious first-time moms, says Hagman, is that midwives make themselves available around the clock after the birth, answering questions and dealing with concerns, making home visits and often helping to keep a newborn out of a hospital emergency room—one of the most infectious places for a new baby to visit.

And most follow-up visits are carried out at home, which is also easier on a new mother and her family, says Hagman.

The four-year program at McMaster is "intense," she said, especially during the last two and a half years with clinical, hands-on training combined with theory classes. She often spent late nights working at the university library, and would then move to a local Tim Hortons—studying or writing a paper at home just didn't work, with too many interruptions.

Throughout her four years at university, and especially in her last summer, she needed to live in Hamilton to complete her clinical work, and depended heavily on family support—the help of her husband, Joe Pillitteri, her inlaws and her mother, who also live in NOTL, are what got her through it.

"It wouldn't have been possible without them," she says.

Her passion for what she was doing also helped sustained her.

All four of her kids were delivered with the services of the Niagara midwifery practice—two in hospital, two at home—and Hagman, who also has a degree in women's studies, says she knew that when her children were older and the time came for her to pursue a career, she wanted to go back to university and train to become a midwife.

Her own experience helps when she is delivering a baby, she says. Women will sometimes say to her, "I can't do it," and then follow up with "I guess if you did it four times, I can do it."

But that said, she adds, the midwives who haven't had children are still able to build "amazing trust" with their clients, because of their training and experience.

They build that trust through prenatal visits—they use the same schedule as physicians, only appointments are longer, and they spend time discussing fears and goals so the midwife knows what to expect and what will work to calm her client.

It also provides an opportunity to talk about what happens when things don't go according to plan, and how best to deal with the "reality of what sometimes happens," she says.

"When the body is giving birth, it works best when it feels safe and calm. Any kind of hubbub can mess sup a birth. Invasions that can occur at a hospital can make a woman feel more nervous, and can actually slow contractions. Our focus is to make a woman feel safe and secure, and that can make labour better, shorter and less exhausting."

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NOTL midwife Rebecca Hagman visits seven-day-old Theodore (Teddy) Kerling, a St. Catharines baby she delivered recently. Photo submitted

'Even tough ones are joyful'

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One component of pain is fear, and a midwife, by building trust, can make a woman less fearful, and that reduces pain, she said.

Midwifery is also woman and family-based, supporting the family through a natural, normal process without interfering.

Doctors and nurses have similar goals, but some aspects of the way a hospital functions make it more difficult to carry out, she says.

At a hospital birth, "the midwife can protect the client from some of that invasion by controlling the environment."

If transfer to a doctor's care becomes necessary for medical reasons, "we can still play a supportive role, explaining what is happening, answering questions, and providing comfort."

When Hagman had her first baby in 1999, she says, "most people didn't know anything about midwifery—they didn't even know how to say it. Now the use of a midwife is much more widespread. The resurgence happened along with the women's movement, when women began looking for more autonomy over their own bodies."

There are also some cultures where women prefer a female care provider, and are more comfortable with a midwife.

Old-world Mennonite women, says Hagman, fall into that category.

"I don't have statistics that show the numbers, but many Mennonite women come to us for care. They tend to be very independent and self-supporting. Some choose a hospital birth and some prefer to give birth at home, and they usually have a sister or sister-in-law with them, rather than their husbands. They have that tradition of having women as their support."

Delivering babies for other women, says Hagman, "feels like an overwhelming privilege. There is nothing better. Even if it's a "rough go, when things go well in the end, it just feels so great."

Her first birth as an actual midwife, after years of clinical practice and working with other midwives, "was a difficult one," she says.

"There was some struggling through it. But everyone was so happy at the end. Even the tough ones are joyful."

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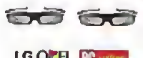

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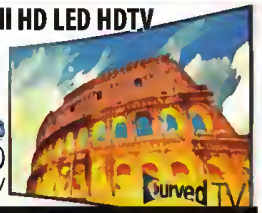

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Rick Meloen, Ken Gansel, Richard Merritt, Richard Coyne, Tony Chisholm, Jim Alexander and Lord Mayor Dave Eke, members of the NOTL 1812 Bicentennial Commmittee, will be attending the burning of Washington commemorative event next week. Missing from the photo is Wesley Turner.

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1812 committee members to attend burning of Washington

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

It's not a trip to gloat or celebrate, says Jim Alexander.

Eight members of the NOTL 1812 Bicentennial Committee, including Lord Mayor Dave Eke, will travel to Baltimore and Washington next week for the 200th anniversary of the burning of Washington, thought in part to have been in retaliation for the burning of Niagara.

The seven-day trip will include some guided tours and the anniversary event commemorating the Battle of Bladensburg, now a suburb of Washington, where the British defeated a larger American militia force before moving on to burn the public buildings in Washington.

"We're there as Canadians. The war was the British versus the U.S.," says Tony Chisholm, member of the NOTL 1812 Committee.

"It is a celebration of sorts—a celebration of 200 years of peace."

One of the highlights of the trip, says Chisholm, will be access to the National Archives vaults, where the group will see the original signed copy of the Treaty of Ghent.

They will also be guests at a reception at the Embassy of Canada to commemorate 200 years of peace between Canada and the United States.

The trip has been more than a year in the planning stages, with local volunteers talking to their contacts in the U.S. about attending the American 1812 commemorative events.

The volunteers are going "on our own dime," said Alexander, adding that their investment of time and money is an indication of how important the events were to the history of the country."

"We'll be reliving 200 years of history," said Eke, at an announcement of the impending travel arrangements.

"I knew very little of the Wary of 1812, but I've been so enlightened about this very colorful history. This is a continuation of our knowledge of that time. It was a really exciting time in history."

The men will also be presenting three flags—the flag of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, the 1812 flag and the U.S. period flag to representatives from Britain, the U.S. and Belgium at the Canadian Embassy reception and again at the Battle of Bladensburg re-enactment and to the U.S. bicentennial committee.

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Muster at fort this weekend

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The Friends of Fort George and Parks Canada celebrate the 15th annual Fife and Drum Muster and Soldiers' Field Day this weekend, with special demonstrations throughout each day.

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Learn about period music, and watch as infantry units from historic forts across Ontario demonstrate early 19th century military tactics, including musket and cannon firing.

The Friends of Fort George will be offering a barbecue lunch inside the fort Saturday from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

A special evening tattoo performance will take place on Saturday evening with musical demonstrations by fife and drum corps from historic sites in Ontario and the U.S.

Infantry units from Fort George, Fort Malden, Fort York, Fort Erie, and the 10th Royal Veterans' Battalion will highlight military tactics from the War of 1812.

Tickets for the evening show go on sale at 6 p.m. and gates open at 6:30 p.m., with the show beginning at 7:30 p.m.—take lawn chairs or blankets.

On Sunday, demonstrations will take place throughout the day.

For more information call 905-468-6614 or visit www.friendsoffortgeorge.ca or www.pc.gc.ca/fortgeorge

A colorful fife and drum muster will take place at Fort George this weekend, with music, cannon and musket demonstrations throughout both days.

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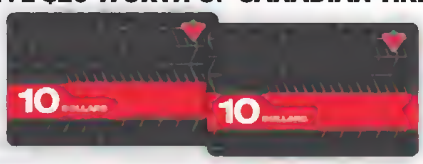

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Just peachy

People walking NOTL's Queen St. Saturday evening would have discovered salsa dance lessons during the Chamber of Commerce's Peach Celebration, with Pablo Cabrera and Pamela Miranda leading the crowd through the steps. On Sunday, the street was transformed into a magical night of wine, culinary treats and entertainment as the Chamber hosted its Shades of Summer Dinner, with about 680 people. Live music by Flat Broke and music mixes by DJ Marko provided entertainment for all ages to dance the night away under the night's highly-anticipated super moon.

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432 GAGE STREET $774,000

An outstanding quality built bungalow in prestigious neighbourhood of old town surrounded by other impressive newer homes. This pristine home offers a blend of traditional details, tasteful decor and an open modern floor plan. Convenient main floor living and spacious principal rooms ideal for entertaining. The approximately 4000 square feet of finished living space includes a fully finished lower level. The beautiful exterior offers a great deck and patio area, private low maintenance gardens with surrounding mature trees, double garage and interlocked drive. **MLS# N30036328. Thomas Elltoft**

18 PARK COURT $1,295,000

Truly one of the finest homes in Niagara on the Lake. This architecturally designed French Manor is situated on a 1/3 acre beautifully landscaped lot. Located on a quiet court near parkland, The Commons, and backs onto Upper Canada's Nature Trail. Uncompromising quality and meticulous details can be found throughout this wonderful home. **MLS New. Audrey Wright and Chris Bowron.**

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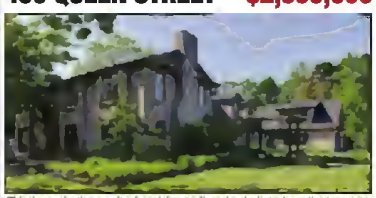


This home is the result of a vision to live simply but elegantly, to create an oasis for art, entertaining and family while connecting all rooms to the outdoors. The views from the front and sides of the property overlooking the golf course and lake are breathtaking. Fabulous guest house, summer kitchen, pool and Zen gardens. 6650 sq. ft. **MLS# N30018726. Bonnie Grimm.**

14770 NIAGARA RIVER PARKWAY $1,495,000

This beautiful upscale bungalow has it all. Four bedrooms, 4 baths; Gourmet kitchen/Great room; Finished lower level with bar & wine cellar; Screened in veranda overlooking fabulous rear yard with outdoor kitchen and your own three hole putting green. **MLS N30022926. Victoria Bolduc.**

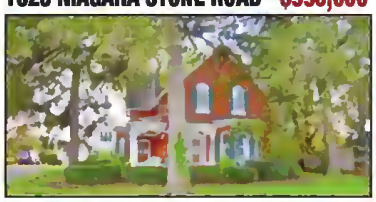
240 DORCHESTER STREET $1,457,000

Fully refurbished home offering a blend of traditional and modern appeal with many high end quality finishes including character panelling, custom built-ins, multiple fireplaces, floor to ceiling windows, neutral decor and granite countertops throughout. Situated on a double wide lot in a sought after location just a few properties away from the golf course. **MLS# N30034760. Thomas Elltoft and Kim Elltoft.**

8 PARK COURT $589,000

This delightful home is centrally located in Old Town, within walking distance to Butler's Barracks, the Commons, downtown & backs on to a private Heritage Trail. The home has a lot to offer and the design is ideal for family or retirement. **MLS# N30035108. Phyllis Henderson and Chris Bowron.**

1823 NIAGARA STONE ROAD $995,000



Restored and updated 2400 sq. ft. home, circa 1870 plus a restored carriage house containing two separate living quarters. There is also a 2400 sq. ft. garage/workshop and a separate antique barn. Truly a unique property! **MLS 20148241 Chris Bowron and Thomas Elltoft.**

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St. Vincent de Paul volunteer Marion Kocsis serves up some peach punch to Sebastian Delino. The punch is just one of the many delectable peach offerings at the church's annual Peach Festival.
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Peach of a festival at St. Vincent de Paul

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It was another peachy year for the St. Vincent de Paul Annual Peach Festival.

People of all generations attended the event held on Sunday.

"It was great to see. We always work to make the peach festival a fun-filled family event every year," said Maria Bau-Coote.

Bau-Coote was one of the organizers for this year's event, working alongside fellow parishioners Brian Carty and Mary Ann Brzeczka.

"One of the biggest shocks for me was that we sold out of our peach pies in 45 minutes," Bau-Coote said.

At 11 a.m., the line up was from the priest's house to the end of the block, she said. "It was like the crowd was waiting for a movie star. We couldn't believe it," said Bau-Coote, adding her thanks to the local peach growers who donated the fruit.

Not only did the church boost their peach pie numbers to 465, but also other much-loved food items by 10%, all of which also sold out in record times.

Bau-Coote said many people were dancing along the sidewalk, enjoying the great variety of music.

Linda and Jackie were on hand for entertainment, returning for their eighth year. "They are a hit each year and everyone looks forward to their return. They are already booked for next year's event," said Bau-Coote.

Not only are the entertainment, pies and food peachy crowd-pleasers, but also the peach punch. "We have a great following, people attend our event each year because our punch is so well-known."

More than 100 volunteers from the church helped organize and run the event, which Bau-Coote says is "incredible, and we couldn't have done it without them."

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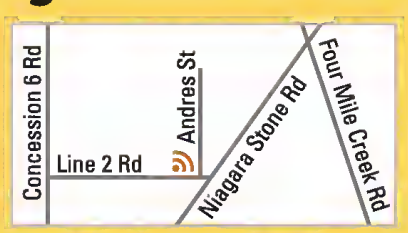

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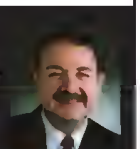

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Sports

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Local lawn bowling teams won silver at the Provincial Senior triples competition held in Kingston last weekend. Both teams will advance to the nationals in Montreal from Aug. 30 to Sept. 6 to compete against the best teams from each province. Pictured outside the Kingston club house are (back) Keith Pooley, skip, Malcolm Maynard, vice, Neville Robson, lead, Katherine Smith, skip, Valerie McWilliams, vice and Rosemarie Small, lead. Smith, from the NOTL Lawn Bowling Club, won gold in Kitchener with her fours team and is off to Winnipeg Saturday to bowl in the national fours competition. Photo submitted

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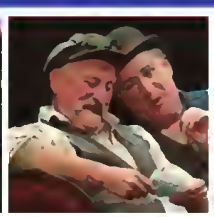

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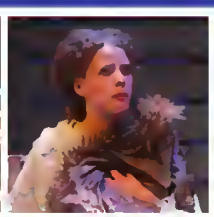

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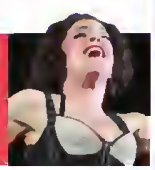

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Intermediate T–Hawks are provincial champs

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Lacrosse Club intermediate boys have accomplished a feat that's a first for a local team, winning an A division provincial championship.

The team travelled to Whitby for the annual Provincial Box Lacrosse Championships this weekend ranked number #1 overall after a season that saw them win the Guelph tournament; place second in the Conradi Tournament and win the Zone 9 league championship.

Playing in the top flight the Thunderhawks w undefeated through the three-day tournament, beating Sudbury 6-3; managing a hard fought 3-3 tie against Toronto; and in game 3 dominating Brampton 7-1.

Semi-final action was a close affair with NOTL winning 9-5 against Mississauga, and in a cliff hanger of a final the T-Hawks came from behind to outlast Milton 4-3 for the provincial crown.

Team players include Johnny Wagner, Isaac Vanderzalm, Ryan Koch, Brandon Kraemer, Dale Landry, Chris Mattison, Jeremy Ditto, Kyle Whalen, Brandon Mattison, Conner Forster, Ethan Forester, Corey Becker, Ben Austin, RJ McCormick, Zach McCormick, Tyson McCool and Wyatt Fauzey.

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Photo submitted

Squirt Lakers capture silver at provincials

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Lakers squirt travel team, sponsored by Buckners Source for Sports, came home from the provincial championships this weekend with silver medals, losing the gold medal game to Napanee after a 19-4 win over Stouffville in the semi-final contest.

The NOTL Minor Softball Association squirts travelled to Belleville to play in the provincials against teams from Belleville and Palmerston to make it to the final four.

In the semi-final against Stouffville the Lakers found themselves down 4-0 in the first inning, but a strong rally in the second inning saw them mount a comeback of epic proportions and earned 19 runs.

Macgregor Armstrong had a home run and Meladorie Weaver and Nico Balice had great hits. Every player made it on base and performed smart base running and stealing, said coach Mike Frena.

Awesome defensive plays by Josh Frena and Ethan Carriere, fantastic pitching by Matthew Ryan and excellent catches by Avery Penner and Emma Penner saw the Lakers come away with the huge win.

Playing against a strong team from Napanee in the finals, the Lakers had terrific hits from Sam Hendriks and Isaiah Carriere, and good throwouts from catcher Jessie Balice but couldn't hold them off.

The players showed good sportsmanship and outstanding effort throughout the tournament, said Frena.

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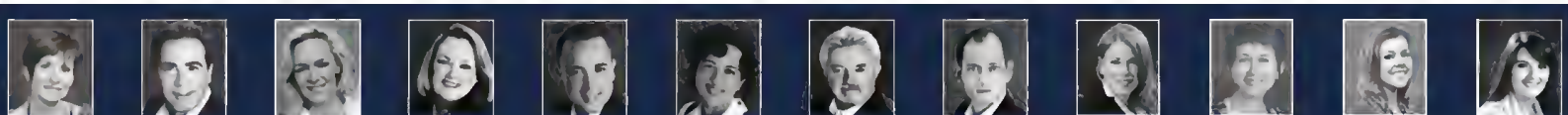
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3 bdrm, 3 bath freehold townhome located in a nice little community. 30 sec walk from a gorgeous community park & splash pad. Stylish neutral design, large bdrms, great closet space, attached 2 car garage w/ interior entry & door to backyard. Walkout lower level with rec rm & f/p. Master has double closets & large ensuite. Lovely front porch.
Call Cam 905-327-6893 to view.

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Wonderful Century home, B&B potential, Artist studio/retreat, Large heated workshop and lush mature lot in St. David's. Wood floor, high ceilings, 4 bedrooms, eat-in kitchen, main floor laundry room, something for everyone!!
www.ExclusiveNiagara.com
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By appt only, call Arthur at 905-329-6674.

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337 DARBY RD - COOKS MILLS $469,900
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Dale 1-855-400-5029 (toll free)

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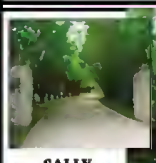
230 CREEK ROAD - NOTL $554,000
This brand new quality custom Board & Batten home by Philbrick Custom Homes features a very nice layout finished in high quality materials & superior mill work. From the moment one enters, one notices all those extra touches. The full height basement offers plenty of space & light for future development. Call/text Sally 905-988-3019 for your personal showing. SallyMillerProperties.com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NIAGARA FALLS $780,000
ESTATE HOME & SETTING! Exceptional custom Schneider built home on a very lush & private 169 x 220 foot lot with 3 outstanding fish ponds, 4+1 bedrooms, 2½ baths, 2 fireplaces, double garage, upscale pub style lower level for non stop family living. Enjoy the mature landscaping, meandering driveway, patio and great value!
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905.380.6459

2960 HOLLAND RD - FONTHILL $889,500
UNEARALLELED LOCATION! Gorgeous setting + Fabulous home. What an opportunity! Built in 2000, this 3,075 sq.ft. home is set on nearly 3 acres of paradise bordering Short Hills. Serenity & beautiful views abound with so many features. Triple garage + 30' x 25' Coach House. Highlights include the full wrap-around porch (nearly 150' long). Awesome home theatre. Minutes to St.Cath, N.Falls, Fonthill.

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2240 EFFINGHAM ST - FONTHILL $935,000
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www.LuxuryPortfolio.com

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anmyer.dsbn.org
Registration Times:
8:30-11:30 am and
1:00-3:00 pm
Grade 12: August 26
Grades 10 & 11: August 27
Grade 9: August 28
Including a welcome, tours and a 88Q from
11:00 am-1:00 pm

Beamsville District Secondary School
beamsvilless.dsbn.org
Registration Times:
9:00 am-2:00 pm
Grades 10, 11 & 12:
August 25 & 26
Grade 9: August 27
(Includes a Welcome Tour)

DSBN Academy
academy.dsbn.org
Registration Times:
9:00 am-12 noon
& 12:30-3:30 pm
Grade 10: August 26
Grade 9: August 27

Eastdale Secondary School
eastdale.dsbn.org
Registration Times:
9:00 am-2:00 pm
Grades 10, 11 & 12:
August 26 to 28
Grade 9: August 28

Eden High School
eden.dsbn.org
Registration Times:
9:00 am-12:00 noon
& 1:00-3:00 pm
Grades 10, 11 & 12:
August 25 & 26
Grade 9: August 27
(Students are also invited to a BBQ at 6:00 pm)

Families with students in multiple grades are invited to register on the same day.
Uniform store will be open daily during registration.

E.L. Crossley Secondary School
elcrossley.dsbn.org
Registration Times:
8:30-11:00 am &
12:00 noon-2:00 pm
Grades 10, 11 & 12:
August 26 & 27
Grade 9 Registration Event:
Thursday, August 28
8:30-11:00 am Registration
11:00 am-12:00 noon
Welcome Assembly and Tour of Seminar 1 Timetable
12:00-1:00 pm
Free 88Q Lunch for students and parents

Fort Erie Secondary School
fess.dsbn.org
Registration Times:
9:00 am-12:00 noon
Grades 10, 11 & 12:
August 26 & 27
Grade 9: August 28

Governor Simcoe Secondary School
www.govsimcoe.org
Registration Times:
8:30-11:30 am
& 12:30-2:00 pm
Grade 9 & 10: August 26
Grade 11: August 27
Grade 12: August 28

Grimsby Secondary School
grimsbyss.dsbn.org
Registration Times:
9:00 am-2:00 pm
All Grades: August 26-28
Students may also purchase their yearbook, lock and activity fee. Cash or debit accepted.

Laura Secord Secondary School
www.laurasecord.org
Registration Times:
Grade 12: August 26
9:00-11:00 am
Grade 11: August 26
12:30-2:30 pm
Grade 10: August 27
9:00-11:00 am
Grade 9: August 27
12:30-2:30 pm

Port Colborne High School
porthigh.dsbn.org
Registration Times:
Grade 12 - Last name A-L & School to Community Students:
August 26:
9:30-11:30 am
Grade 12 Last name M-Z:
12:30-2:30 pm
Grade 11: August 27:
9:30-11:30 am
Grade 10: August 27:
12:30-2:30 pm
Grade 9 Welcome Event:
August 28
11:30 am- 2:30 pm,
88Q and Registration

Ridgeway Crystal Beach High School
ridgewayhs.dsbn.org
Registration Times:
Grade 12: August 26
8:00 am-12:00 noon
Grades 10 & 11: August 27
8:00 am-12:00 noon
Grade 9: August 28
9:00-10:30 am
followed by a welcome and a family 88Q.

Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School
sirwinston.dsbn.org
Registration Times:
9:00-11:30 am &
1:30-3:00 pm
Grade 9: August 27
Lower Cafeteria
Grade 10, 11 & 12:
August 28
Lower Cafeteria

Returning students who were unable to pre-register, please bring your registration package to school on August 28. New students are invited to call 905-684-6349 the week of August 25 to make an appointment to register.

South Lincoln High School
southlincoln.dsbn.org
Registration Times:
9:00-11:30 am
& 12:30-3:00 pm
Grade 12: August 26
Grade 11: August 27
Grade 10: August 28
Grade 9: August 29

Stamford Collegiate Secondary School
stamford.dsbn.org
Registration Times:
Grade 12: August 26
9:00-11:30 am
& 12:30-2:00 pm
Grade 11: August 27
9:00-11:30 am
Grade 10: August 27
12:30-2:00 pm
Grade 9: August 28
9:00-11:30 am
with a 88Q Lunch for Grade 9s and their families to follow.
Student ambassadors will be in the building to support Grade 9s with tours, and to answer your questions.

St. Catharines Collegiate Secondary School
collegiate.dsbn.org
Registration Times:
8:30-11:30 am &
12:30 noon-3:00 pm
Grade 9 & 10: August 26
Grade 11: August 27
Grade 12: August 28

Thorold Secondary School
tss.dsbn.org
Registration Times:
9:00-11:30 am
& 1:00-3:00 pm
Grade 9: August 27
11:00 am-1:00 pm
followed by a 88Q
Grade 10, 11 & 12:
August 26 & 28

Welland Centennial Secondary School
centennial.dsbn.org
Registration Times:
8:30 am-12:30 pm
& 1:00-3:00 pm
Grades 10, 11, & 12:
August 26-28
Grade 9 Orientation:
August 28
10:00-11:30 am
School Tours
11:00 am-12:00 noon
88Q Lunch
All Grade 9 students and their parents are welcome

Westlane Secondary School
westlane.dsbn.org
Registration Times:
Grades 10,11 & 12:
August 26 & 28
8:30-11:30 am &
12:30-2:00 pm
Grade 9: August 28
10:00 am-12:00 noon
(88Q begins at 11:00 am)

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Making the Move: High School at the DSBN

Your first years of high school are an incredibly exciting time. It's your first real opportunity to take control of your education and make decisions about your future.

With the DSBN's Make the Move mobile site, you can keep all your options close at hand (literally!). You can use your smart phone to check out programs and activities, download your timetable right into your calendar and access a range of supports to help you become successful in school.

Parents, you can also visit the site for a list of frequently asked questions about high school, a list of supports for your child and to explore all that our schools have to offer.

2014/15 DSBN ELEMENTARY DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
1 LABOUR DAY	10 PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY	14 PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY	22 FIRST DAY OF WINTER BREAK	2 LAST DAY OF WINTER BREAK
2 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	13 THANKSGIVING DAY			5 FIRST DAY OF CLASS AFTER WINTER BREAK
12 EARLY RELEASE DAY				16 EARLY RELEASE DAY

FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
13 EARLY RELEASE DAY	16 FIRST DAY OF MARCH BREAK	3 GOOD FRIDAY	15 PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY	12 PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY
16 FAMILY DAY	20 LAST DAY OF MARCH BREAK	6 EASTER MONDAY	18 VICTORIA DAY	25 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
				26 PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY

2014/15 DSBN SECONDARY DATES TO REMEMBER

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12 EARLY RELEASE DAY				19-29 FIRST SEMESTER EXAMS
				30 PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY

FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
2 SECOND SEMESTER BEGINS	16 FIRST DAY OF MARCH BREAK	3 GOOD FRIDAY	15 PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY	10-24 SECOND SEMESTER EXAMS
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